

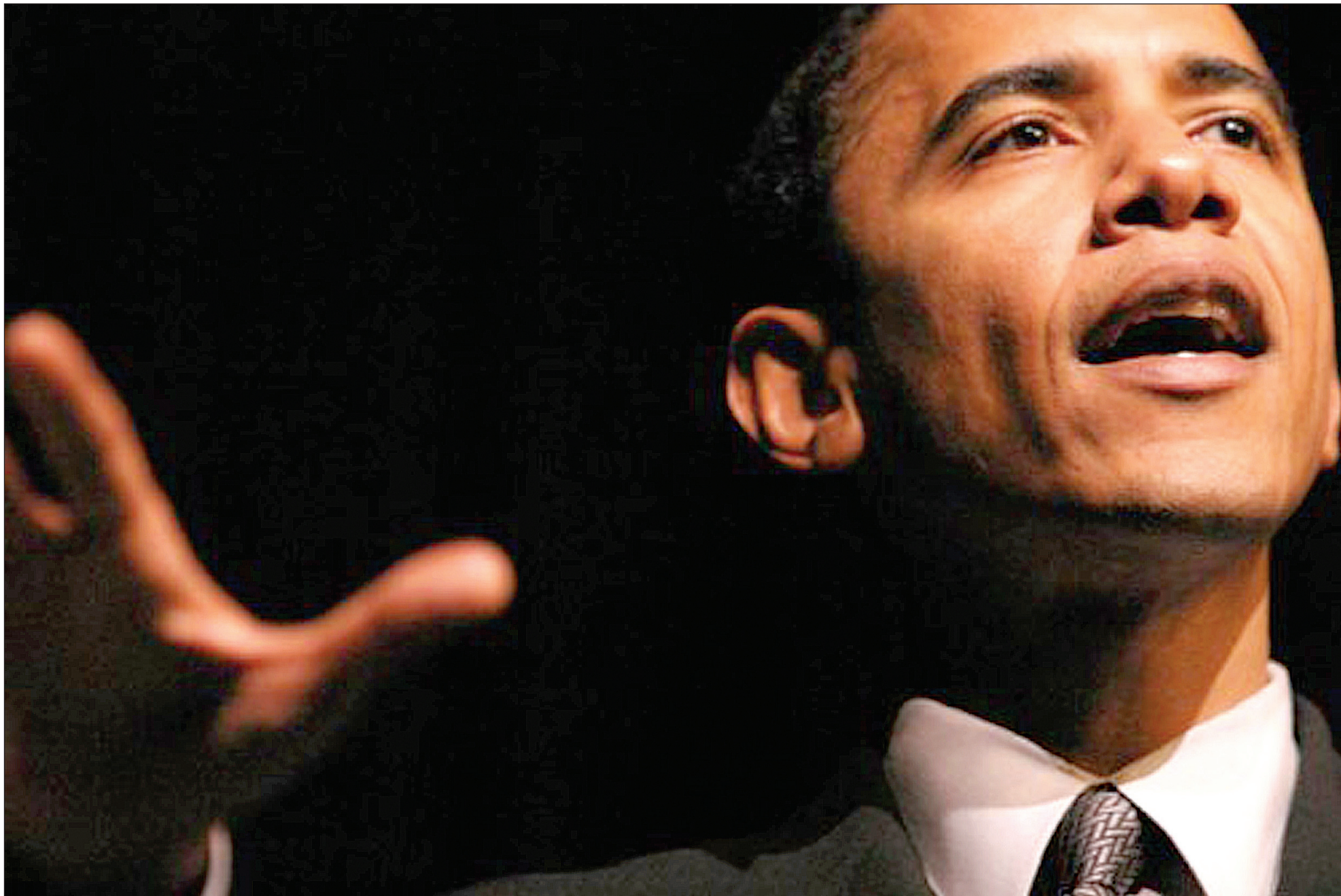
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‘WE HAVE CHOSEN HOPE OVER FEAR’



COURTESY PHOTO

President Barack Obama was inaugurated Tuesday in Washington, D.C. Students and faculty gathered in various locations around campus to watch the historical event.

OBAMA

K-State celebrates 44th president’s inauguration

By Elise Podhajsky
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

As people filed onto the lawn of the National Mall and Capitol in Washington, D.C., to witness the historic inauguration of President Barack Obama, so did students and faculty members into the seats of Forum Hall on Tuesday morning.

By the time Obama arrived at the Capitol, only a few seats were left open in the K-State Student Union – the others were occupied by attendees waving American flags and wearing Obama pins.

All had gathered to watch the inauguration of the country’s first black president during a watch party sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and the Union.

The excited chatter in Forum Hall heightened as the hall’s projector screen, fixed on CNN, showed the surviving former presidents and their wives arriving for the occasion.

Applause broke out throughout the room when former president Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary – who is a newly appointed member of Obama’s cabinet – appeared on the big screen. However, no applause or cheer was quite as

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Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

In the K-State Student Union Food Court, students gather anxiously to listen to President Barack Obama’s inaugural address on the big screen television.

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I WONDER WHAT KEITH OLBERMANN IS GOING TO DO NOW?

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TODAY IS A GOOD DAY.

STREET TALK


How did you feel about President Barack Obama's inauguration?






"I feel proud about the inauguration. I feel that with change, there's opportunity for success in the future, and we're on a great path right now. So kudos."

Curtis McClain III
SENIOR IN KINESIOLOGY




"I think it was really good. I didn't get to watch because I had class, but it was exciting to be a first-time voter."

Laura Mosher
FRESHMAN IN MICROBIOLOGY




"I actually thought it was really good, because it was basically history. To witness it was really cool."

Damien Thompson
FRESHMAN IN LIFE SCIENCE WITH AN EMPHASIS IN PRE-OPTOMETRY




"I like Obama. He's great!"

Yuan Welfan
SENIOR IN KINESIOLOGY



"The inauguration was really exciting, though I didn't get to watch it, but I'm sure it was really exciting."

Annie Davis
FRESHMAN IN THEATER



"I didn't get to see the whole inauguration, but what I did get to see was very touching. I know that most people on my floor watched it."

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THE PLANNER

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Peters Recreation Complex is seeking officials for intramural basketball. Starting pay is \$7.50 per hour. The training clinic will be at 5 p.m. today, Thursday and Monday. To qualify, you must be a K-State student and attend all three sessions. For more information, contact Armando at 785-532-6980.

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Carmala N. Garizon from the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of Rochester will give the lecture, "Modern rainfall and paleoclimate across NE Tibet: Climate consequences of the growth of the Tibetan Plateau" at 4 p.m. Monday in Thompson 213 as part of the Geology Seminar Series. Refreshments will be provided. The Department of Geology is sponsoring the lecture.

Boy Scout Troop 75 is having its Fourth Annual Spaghetti Dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 1 at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 612 Poyntz. Ticket costs are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 7 to 11. Children six and under eat free. Tickets can be bought at the door or by calling 785-776-8821.


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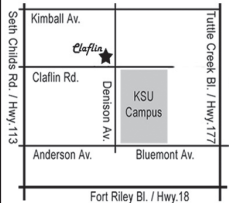
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OBAMA | Nation celebrates

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loud as it was for Obama and his new vice president, Joe Biden. The crowd fell silent upon former president George W. Bush's arrival.

The anticipation for a change in power grew as the openly-gay New Hampshire Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson recited the opening prayer. The only other audible sounds in the hall were the emotional sniffles of a few students and faculty members.

Janet Benson, associate professor of cultural anthropology, was one such member.

"When I think of Obama, I don't think of a black president or a white president," Benson said. "I think of an inspiring president. He makes me want to be a better American, and I have not felt like this since John F. Kennedy."

At exactly noon, during an original John Williams arrangement of "Simple Gifts" performed by cellist Yo-Yo Ma, violinist Itzhak Perlman, pianist Gabriela Montero and

clarinetist Anthony McGill, president Barack Obama became the 44th president of the United States as a roar broke through the music.

"When I grow up, this will be one of those things that I can tell my kids," said Samuel Brinton, junior in mechanical and nuclear engineering and vocal music, "that I was sitting in Forum Hall when Barack Obama was inaugurated."

Obama's oath of office was met by screams, chants, cries and standing ovations both in Manhattan and Washington, D.C., as American flags continued to wave along with the tide of change, which was palpable in the Union.

"I understood the campaign issues, I voted with my heart and it turned out the right way," Brinton said.

Careem Gladney, Alpha Phi Alpha president, said he was pleasantly surprised with the event's turnout and the crowd's reactions.

"They were so into it," Gladney said. "It was beautiful."

Many gather for local 'inaugural ball'

Amelia Wiederaenders
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

There was dancing, music and cake at the K-State Student Union Ballroom last night as the beginning of Barack Obama's presidency was celebrated.

Balloons in red, white and blue adorned the room with ribbons anchoring them to chairs. People filed in to shake their hips and wave their hands in celebration of this historic event. A cake congratulating the new president rested upon a table along with popcorn and drinks.

The office of Diversity and Dual Career Development sponsored the event

to celebrate the first black president. Those who attended were excited for the Obama presidency and thrilled to be witnessing this historic event.

"I'm still in awe," said Jasmine Hammond, sophomore in public relations. "My grandmother was in the NAACP president in Kansas for 25 years. She just turned 91 years old, and I can't believe she witnessed this."

Others at the event were just as enthusiastic about the Obama presidency.

"I'd like to think that everyone is celebrating this, even those who didn't vote for Obama," said Matthew Smith, freshman in elementary education.



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Myra Gordon, provost for diversity, celebrates Barack Obama's inauguration at the BSU-sponsored party at the Union Ballroom on Tuesday.

"I hope that he'll shape things up a bit."

Those who saw Obama's inauguration gave positive reviews.

"His speech was absolutely amazing and really inspiring," said Kaitlin Snoddy, freshman in art.

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TO THE POINT

All should honor historic events

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Tuesday was truly a historic day. We witnessed the inauguration of the United States' 44th president.

Not only that, of course, but Barack Obama is also our nation's first black president.

The newsroom was full this morning with people crowded around the TV.

Everyone was excited to watch as our new president and vice president were sworn in and Obama gave his first speech as president of the United States.

Some students' classes were canceled Tuesday so they – and their professors – would have the opportunity to watch the inauguration and the festivities surrounding it.

Hopefully, these students used this time to watch history being made instead of just using the extra time to sleep in.

Students in elementary and high schools all over the country watched the event, either in classrooms or rooms set up especially for the inauguration.

For some, the occasion was important enough to take time off from work or school and take their families to Washington, D.C., to attend the event.

Erick Valentine, assistant professor of accounting, took his family because seeing the inauguration was so important to him.

More than 2 million people were there to experience the event.

Others whose professors did not feel it was important enough to cancel class were forced to skip class if they wanted to watch the live coverage on TV or online.

It is important to realize the significance of what is happening around us.

Hopefully all students were able – and willing – to spend some time Tuesday to watch the inauguration of the president and history being made.



ELIZAVETA ZHEGANINA

As the European Union “threatens” repercussions for the recent surge of what is known as Russia's energy diplomacy, it becomes harder to avoid noticing that Vladimir Putin knows his world-systems theory all too well.

The world-systems approach to international relations maintains that the world is divided into the core countries – peripheral and semi-peripheral. While the core nations are usually industrialized democracies, the periphery is composed of largely poor developing countries that serve as a source of raw materials.

Emmanuel Wallerstein, who first articulated this framework of understanding international relations, said the very existence of such peripheral nations allows Western democracies to maintain high living standards and preserve their political systems. The periphery, on the other hand, is doomed to poverty, authoritarianism, low living standards and an underdeveloped industrial sector. The market is seen as a tool for the core nations to exercise control over the periphery.

The dispute between Russia and Ukraine fits into the easily recognizable framework of a powerful semi-authoritarian regime attempting to subjugate a small, brave nation with democratic inclinations. A Russian bear versus a Ukrainian

fledgling for example.

However, if we were to step outside the paradigm of familiar references, little birdies lose their emotional appeal. Temptation to bash Putin for manipulating the former Soviet republics by restricting the flow of energy sometimes overshadows other nuances of Russia's behavior. Instead, Putin could be seen as pragmatically, and probably rightfully, resisting the trend of Russia becoming reduced to a peripheral nation status.

Russia's drive to play with an on/off switch on the gas pipes to Europe is nothing else but the mechanism of gaining back leverage in the world-systems paradigm. It is a loud and discernible voice, especially during these cold winter months that demands to be accepted into the privileged circle of the core nations.

Of course, the key to becoming part of the core is not as much recognition by other countries as the ability to develop, industrialize and manipulate the market in the nation's favor. Money makes this possible. And selling natural resources for fair market value is one of the few options Russia has



Illustration by Christy Klein | COLLEGIAN

to increase its GDP, which is desperately needed to raise the country's living standard and boost industrial production.

A simple fact many observers tend to overlook: Ukraine refuses to pay the market price for gas imported from Russia. It had previously engaged in illegally channeling gas through an alternative source from a main pipeline when Russia's state gas monopoly, Gazprom, shut off its supply. Plainly speaking, it was stealing on the state level.

While Russia gets the bulk of accusations when it fails to meet Europe's energy needs, Ukraine shares the blame.

When it comes to gas and oil supplies, western investors are eager to pitch in on the development of Russia's vast resources. However, when it comes to accepting Russia as an equal partner on the international arena, Western democracies find fault with Putin's, and now Medvedev's, policies.

This double standard clearly indicates the majority of the world is willing to deal with Russia only as a peripheral nation exporting raw materials for the benefits of the core nations. Putin's energy diplomacy is nothing more but a way to elevate Russia to the status of the privileged core nations.

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New U.S. president offers inspiration for world



ROBERT GOMEZ

If you have watched or read any news releases in the past two months, you heard of war, plummeting stocks, incredible budget deficits and rising unemployment. Tuesday was different; it was a day of hope. The inauguration of President Barack Obama was a day young and old will never forget.

Approximately 45 years after the passing of the Civil Rights Act, the United States of America has its first black president.

To put this into perspective, according to the Federal Communications Commission, in 1946, Peter Goldmark presented his color television system to the FCC. America has had color television longer than “justice for all.” Tuesday, millions loyally stood for hours in freezing temperatures to witness Obama take the oath for

office. The timeless words of Martin Luther King Jr.'s “I Have a Dream” resonated in the background as our National Mall was once again filled with millions from around this nation and the world.

Obama's inauguration was a milestone for the entire world, and it was filled with hope and inspiration for many. Hope for the older generations that America's chapter of racial discrimination, which included church bombings, Jim Crow laws and the lynching of thousands, has begun to close. It was inspiration for young students of color who dream of being a leader for others by possibly being the first in their family to graduate high school or obtain a college degree.

In President Obama's inaugural address he proclaimed, “The challenges we face are real. They are serious, and they are many. They will not be met easily or in a short span of time. But know this, America, they will be met.”

I believe in our president, this country and the world. With two wars, rising unemployment, a failing stock market, rising budget deficits and a health care

and Social Security system on the brink of collapse, it is easy to have an apocalyptic attitude. To be honest, I too have been saddened by recent events and at times have been negative.

Watching the inauguration and reflecting on lessons I have learned from my family and education, I've had a change of heart and spirit. Tuesday I was inspired. I see all the issues that face this country and the world not as an evil but an opportunity. An opportunity for us, ordinary people, to come together and live a life of change, to put aside petty differences and understand that we are all on this planet together. What we say and do affects everyone.

If we are going to ask our public officials to be accountable for their actions, we must first look in the mirror and take the time to reflect on how we can help others. We cannot change the world by ourselves, but we can help. It can be something as small as picking up a piece of trash off the ground or recycling this paper after you have finished reading it, and these small actions can make a



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significant difference.

President Obama, Congress and the rest of America's officials cannot improve things by themselves; they need our help. America has always been a country “by the people, for the people,” so it is time that we stand up as responsible citizens and help each other. By standing up and helping each other, we as a society can overcome our mountainous problems and help create a more perfect community, country and world for future generations.

Robert Gomez is a senior in elementary education. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

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Meow.

May the doors of the White House hit Bush on his way out.

The Buttermilk Gang strikes

again.

To whoever drives a Ford Explorer Sport driver's license WMN 444: you're an idiot. If you can't pick up your own trash, why don't you call your mommy?

Whoever said violence never solved anything obviously never opened a Bible, the Quran or the Torah because it does look like violence solves everything.

Maybe I'll go to Arby's because it has cooler people and better food.

Hey, Fourum, it's so nice leaving you a message. So nice.

Hey, ex-rommate. Got a new roommate, and this one doesn't want to be a stripper.

Is it just me or did anybody understand anything after the first verse of “My County 'Tis of Thee” sang by Aretha Franklin?

It wasn't the inauguration that gave me hope today. It was the undergrad in the Union describing to me how he watched it in the Union the last time a president was inaugurated.

First black president: check. Separation of church and state ... better luck in four years.

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Slow security prevents thousands from entering inaugural events

By Sydney Eagleton
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

While most Americans watched Tuesday's presidential inauguration from the warmth of their homes, there were an estimated one to two million who bought tickets and ventured to Washington, D.C.

However, several guests with tickets were turned away at the gates. After hearing Capitol Police Chief Phillip Morse state that everyone with a ticket had gotten in, several ticketholders who did not make it in the gates voiced their frustration.

"[The] police chief's view that all with [tickets] got in to see inauguration is not accurate," read an e-mail to The Washington Post.

"My wife and I had purple [tickets], stood in line within a block or so of purple gates for five hours."

Erick Valentine, assistant professor of accounting, got tickets for himself and his family, but couldn't get past the overcrowded gates.

"Our tickets were blue and on the left-hand side were blue and silver and something was wrong with both of those lines," Valentine said. "There were literally tens of thousands of people who did not get in."

Though many were frustrated at missing the ceremony after waiting in line for several hours, Valentine said the crowd remained well-mannered.

"People were so hopeful about the day and the future that they weren't going

to let this ruin the day," Valentine said. "We were frustrated that it didn't run as smoothly as it could have if we had someone to usher us through."

In spite of the frustration, Valentine said the crowd was still excited and exhilarated, and though he was disappointed about not getting in, he said he would have waited in line for another six hours to get the chance to see the inauguration.

"I think the two most important groups of people who deserved to be there were the past and the future," Valentine said. "The people who have fought and marched for civil rights and the little kids who get to see this and change their view of themselves."



COURTESY PHOTO

BSU members band together in honor of historic presidency

By Katie Morford
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

As the U.S. celebrates the inauguration of the first black president, members of K-State's Black Student Union said they hope current events will bring their organization greater visibility.

"We want to uplift the image ... of the black community," said Brittney Delaney, vice president of the Black Student Union and junior in communication sciences and disorders.

The BSU was founded in 1969 by a group of students who wanted to provide a voice and a community experience for blacks during the rise of the civil rights movement.

Today, it promotes the black community at K-State through leadership programs, community service and special events.

Mychal Davis, BSU Big 12 delegate and sophomore in animal sciences and industry, said having an executive position in BSU has taught him leadership skills and how to be a better public speaker.

"In order to be a leader, you need to be able to speak in front of people," Davis said.

Davis also said his study skills have improved since he's been involved in BSU.

"At K-State, I don't see many people of my own color," he said, adding that because of BSU, "I see blacks achieving. At BSU, they push you to reach for the next bar."

Delaney agreed. She said she was very nervous about running for BSU vice president, but decided to take that step as a result of encouragement from BSU members.

"We give [black students] opportunities to step up into leadership roles," she said.

BSU not only works to help black students grow as individuals - it also serves as a place for them to network with other students.

"K-State is not a predominantly black college, so it plays an important part in making students feel at home," Delaney said.

Angela Muhwezi, freshman in biology, said she began attending BSU meetings to become involved on campus and have a sort of family.

"We're so small here on campus it's important for us to band together and make our presence known," she said.



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Camille Wilson of the BSU celebrates the inauguration of 44th President Barack Obama at the BSU sponsored election party at the Union Ballroom on Thursday night.

Delaney, Davis and Muhwezi all said they thought the inauguration of a black president will have a positive effect on BSU.

"People see change and they want to be a part of it," Davis said.

Muhwezi said the inauguration has really brought a sense of equality and helped her know she's not limited by race.

"I definitely think BSU will become a very major organization here on campus," she said.

"You really feel like you are part of the campus, like you are a part of something great. I'm doing something for my campus and for my people."

Residents don their best for inaugural event

By Whitney Hodgins
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Houston Ballroom inauguration party was full of all the excitement and none of the uncertainty that shrouded a similar crowd on election day at Kite's Bar and Grille. Riley County Democrats played host to a turnout of more than 300 Manhattan residents who enjoyed Kite's catering, a silent auction and an informal awards ceremony for outstanding Riley County Democratic volunteers while honoring the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

"I never thought this day would come," said Bernard Pitts, assistant vice president of student life and executive director of the K-State Student Union. "He was destined for this. He showed everyone could get together and focus and get the job done."

Pitts attended the event with his wife Candi Hironaka, said they decided the \$30 cover charge was worth celebrating with friends.

"It's important to be with other people to share this significant moment," said Hironaka, associate director of the school of leadership. "You get to see this slice of the Manhattan community, which I feel is very inclusive."

Cassandra Cuppy, fifth-year student in marketing and management said she voted for Obama but is a registered independent.

"I couldn't make it to D.C. so this is the second best place to be," Cuppy said while looking over auction items. "I wanted to be part of something historic."

Rep. Sydney Carlin, D-Manhattan, agreed that the venue was the second-best place to be that night, and that she also celebrated earlier that day with the Democratic caucus and legislature.

"We all got teary eyed watching the swearing in," Carlin said. "There was so much excitement. We stood when they sang the Star-Spangled Banner"

Carlin recognized the significance of the event in conjunction with Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which was Monday.

"The whole experience of watching the MLK speeches and how his leadership transcends today was so powerful. The fact that 60 years ago he might not have been served in a restaurant and is now taking the oath of office really challenged us to reclaim America and make us a leader in the world again. I know he will give us the tools to do that," Carlin said.



Sara Manco | COLLEGIAN

Manhattan residents Amber Ross and Kimberly Turnage pose with a President Barack Obama cutout at the Manhattan Democrats' Inauguration Ball on Tuesday night.

1st black Collegian editor-in-chief gives minorities voice, hope

By Ben Marshall
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

As a new commander-in-chief is sworn in, an editor-in-chief quietly makes history as well.

As the Collegian hits newsstands across campus

this semester, it is under the leadership of Sheila Ellis, who is its first black editor-in-chief.

A veteran of the newsroom, Ellis has been on staff since her first semester of college, submitting her application as a high school senior.

Four years ago, however, no one could have predicted the situation in which this "painfully shy," unassuming "journalism nerd" from Topeka would find herself.

Ellis' time on staff has been challenging, but she said she is ready.

"I'm excited to be in a position where I can make sustainable changes," Ellis said. "It's probably scaring people a little bit how excited I am."

The Collegian staff that received Ellis' application in spring 2005 was in recovery. Just one year earlier, tensions between the paper's staff and minority groups on campus were high. The latter had become increasingly frustrated with the newspaper's consistent lack of diverse coverage.

The breaking point came in February 2004 when the Black Student Union was host to a regional conference for BSU groups from other schools in the Big 12 Conference. The event drew more than 1,000 participants to K-State, but the Collegian failed to send a single reporter to cover the events.

That May, school officials, denying any connection to the controversy, "re-assigned" Ron Johnson to another role within the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Even as a high school junior on a campus visit and tour of the newsroom, Ellis saw a problem with the make-up of that year's staff.

"When you looked in

the newsroom, you didn't see anyone of color in there to be influencing any of the decisions made," she said, "and it reflected in their news coverage."

Graduating from a highly diverse high school, Ellis was nervous about entering a newsroom with a decidedly different background.

Ellis agreed to work on whatever stories her editors assigned to her, but she quickly began to notice a trend - she was getting all the same types of stories.

"It got so bad that [my editors] assumed that I was going to be attending an event because it was a 'black event,'" she said.

Following many years of neglect and lack of representation in student media, black students on campus finally felt like they had a voice on the newspaper staff. But Ellis said she felt like she was losing hers.

She said she could not be involved in the activities and organizations outside the newsroom, because she was being asked to report on them. But if she did not cover the events, she said she felt like no one would. Ellis had had enough. In spring 2007, she left the staff.

During her semester-long hiatus from the staff, Ellis helped found Diverse Mass Communicators in an attempt to increase diversity within student media and the journalism school.

"Until you get a diverse staff - and I'm not just meaning so many black people,

Hispanic people, Asian people, white people, I mean people that have different life experiences as well - you're not going to be able to cover the community correctly," Ellis said.

Ellis served as the organization's president during its inaugural year but left her post after learning she would be editor-in-chief this spring.

Ellis was elected president of the newly chartered Kansas State University Association of Black Journalists. She explained that DMC serves as a kind of umbrella organization, but the two are still separate entities.

"My vision is that ... one day we can have a Kansas State University Association of Hispanic Journalists, and Asian Journalists and Native American Journalists," Ellis said. "But right now we started that one organization."

In addition to these organizations, Ellis has been part of the Developing Scholars Program for four years.

Having known Ellis for all of her college career, Anita Cortez, director of DSP, said she recognizes the growth Ellis has demonstrated since coming to K-State.

"I know her to be a very determined young woman who has had clear goals set for herself from the day she stepped on this campus," Cortez said. "She's stayed true to her goals and has expanded them."

When Ellis returned to the Collegian in spring 2008 as campus editor, she brought 10 black and His-

panic journalists from DMC to help report for her desk.

"They were like, 'Sheila quits, then comes back with all these people,'" Ellis said of fellow staff members. "I think we really changed some things in there."

That semester, Ellis assigned stories to reporters to push them out of their comfort zones. She assigned a white reporter to cover a BSU event or a black reporter to cover agricultural week events.

Kimetris Baltrip, Collegian adviser, said she believes this is a testament to Ellis' determination in the face of perceived obstacles.

"I know the newsroom has never ever had a policy against minority students on staff," she said. "Every student has always been welcome. But sometimes when we're dealing with a perceived racial barrier, minorities cower and decide to avoid taking on responsibility of being the first, the only, the newest or the latest. That speaks to Sheila's courage and passion and perseverance and wanting to be a journalist so much she would not let anything stop her"

Ellis is up for the challenge.

"I've gone through a lot at the Collegian," she said, "from being called the 'Collegian slave,' to being given the 'black beat,' to having editors and reporters actually respect me now. Being able to take the editor-in-chief position, for me, it's like coming full circle."



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Sheila Ellis, senior in print journalism and the first black editor-in-chief of the Kansas State Collegian leads her team of editors in a staff meeting on Tuesday.

Snyder's hires give fans hope



JUSTIN NUTTER

K-State's forgettable football season ended just two months ago, but Bill Snyder already has his once-feared program back on the right track.

Fans shouldn't expect to be packing for the Fiesta Bowl in January, but the 2009 season should feature a squad similar to those Wildcat faithful knew and loved for the better part of the last decade.

Left with a discombobulated coaching staff provided by the coach formerly known as Prince, Snyder essentially had to start from scratch. Three coaches from last year's team were retained, but plenty of holes still needed to be filled. Let's take a look at the "new-look" Wildcats' staff in all three facets.

OFFENSE

K-State's offense was explosive at times last season but inconsistent for the most part. It's hard to judge how the Wildcat offense will fare in 2009 — primarily because of Josh Freeman's departure for the NFL — but it's hard to argue with the coaching hires.

Offensive coordinator Andy Ludwig and offensive line coach Charlie Dickey were brought in from a 13-0 Utah team that averaged 36.9 points per game — and let's not forget the pounding that the Utes put on Alabama in the Sugar Bowl.

Dave Brock, last year's offensive coordinator, was asked to return as an offensive assistant. Brock showed a lot of promise leading the offense in 2008, and he'll likely enjoy more success with less on his plate.

Regardless of who's under center for the Wildcats next season, the offensive unit should be much more consistent under the leadership of this already-proven staff.

DEFENSE

To say K-State's defense was lackluster last year would be a huge understatement. Under Tim Tibesar, a converted special teams coordinator, the Wildcats gave up 479 yards per game — the third-worst mark in the country.

Snyder, who once built a defensive unit that came to be known as the "Lynch Mob," made two great signings in Chris Cosh and Vic Koenning, who will serve as co-defensive coordinators.

Cosh comes from a Maryland team that gave up just 35 touchdowns in 13 games.

Koenning led the 18th-ranked defense in the nation at Clemson — a squad that held opponents to less than 300 yards per outing.

Two familiar faces will be handling the front four this season, as long-time assistant Mo Latimore was retained as the defensive line coach and former K-State player and assistant Joe Bob Clements, who coached last season at KU, will tutor the defensive ends.

There's nowhere to go but up for K-State's defense, and fans should expect to see significant improvement at every position. Snyder was known for his defenses in his first tenure, and the second time around shouldn't be any different.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Special teams play has been a forte in Manhattan since the beginning of Snyder's original coaching stint, and that trend should remain intact.

Jeff Rodgers, who orchestrated one of the nation's top special teams units in 2008, has been asked to return.

Expect the Wildcats to once again rule the Big 12 Conference in this area.

There are still a lot of questions to be answered before the start of next season, but it's hard not to be optimistic.

A strong, veteran coaching staff paired with Snyder's ability to turn average recruits into standouts should lead the Wildcats back to respectability — and possibly more.

The turnaround Snyder orchestrated will never be forgotten. Hopefully he'll be up to the challenge one more time.

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Another try



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

Senior guard Shalee Lehning takes a shot in the game against Kansas on Jan. 10 in Bramlage Coliseum.

Cats go for 1st road victory tonight at Tech

By Britton Drown
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Wildcats (15-1, 2-1 Big 12 Conference) will visit Lubbock, Texas, tonight to take on Texas Tech for the first of a two-game road trip following a 59-52 victory over No. 20 Iowa State on Saturday.

The road trip will conclude Saturday with a game against instate rival Kansas. In their previous meeting, the Wildcats steamrolled over Kansas at home 72-39.

The Red Raiders (11-5, 2-1 Big 12) are coming into the matchup against the Wildcats as winners in six of their previous seven games, including a home win against 14th ranked Texas.

"Texas Tech is definitely a big challenge," junior guard Kari Kincaid said. "We have got to bring new energy every day, and that's what we are going to try and do against Texas Tech."

Tonight's match against the Red Raiders will pose many opportunities for the Wildcats, including a chance at their first Big 12 road victory of the season. The Wildcats failed in their first attempt at No. 3 ranked Oklahoma, falling 64-48.

"Getting a win on the road here at this stage in Big 12 play is crucial," head coach Deb Patterson said. "I look at every matchup as a big-game scenario."

Texas Tech has been winning when playing on its home court at the United Spirit Arena. Entering Wednesday's contest against the Wildcats, the Red Raiders will put a 10-game home win streak on the line. The Red Raiders rank second in the Big 12 in home attendance as well as averaging 8,537 fans per game.

The Wildcats are not strangers to the road games this season. During nonconference play, they were 7-0 on the road including a two-game stint against Pac-10 opponents Washington and Washington State over the winter break.

"With the schedule that we were given, we were taking advantage of all of those road games and learning to play together and win on the road," Kincaid said. "We did well in the preseason, but we have got to bring it over to the Big 12 play."

The Wildcats will look to take their swarming defense to Lubbock.

K-State leads the Big 12 in scoring defense, holding opponents to 49.9 points per game. Meanwhile the Red Raiders have given up an average of 59.6 points per game, good for ninth in the conference.

"I think defensively we are working extremely hard, and individually they are accountable," Patterson said. "Everybody has a big desire to get the job done but I think our accountability pass-by-pass has been pretty high during the course of this season."

Patterson said she feels her team matches up well against Texas Tech and looks to be successful in this critical stage in the Wildcats' season.

"When we are on the road playing against Texas Tech, I look at that team and I say, 'This is a team we are battling with,'" Patterson said. "This is a team that was picked close to us, and us close to them in the preseason. We are two teams that are going to have to slug it out all year long."

"This is a very big road trip for us," she said.

Men return home to face Baylor

By Brad Dornes
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

After a tough start to conference play, the K-State men's basketball team returns home to play the Baylor Bears tonight in Bramlage Coliseum. Tip-off is set for 8 p.m.

K-State (11-6, 0-3 Big 12 Conference) started the season off strong, winning 11 of its first 14 games. Then Big 12 play started, and the Wildcats dropped their first three games.

The most recent was a 73-51 loss to Nebraska on Saturday.

"Throughout the season, every team goes through tough stretches," head coach Frank Martin said. "And we are in one of those right now. This stretch is not going to make or break our season."

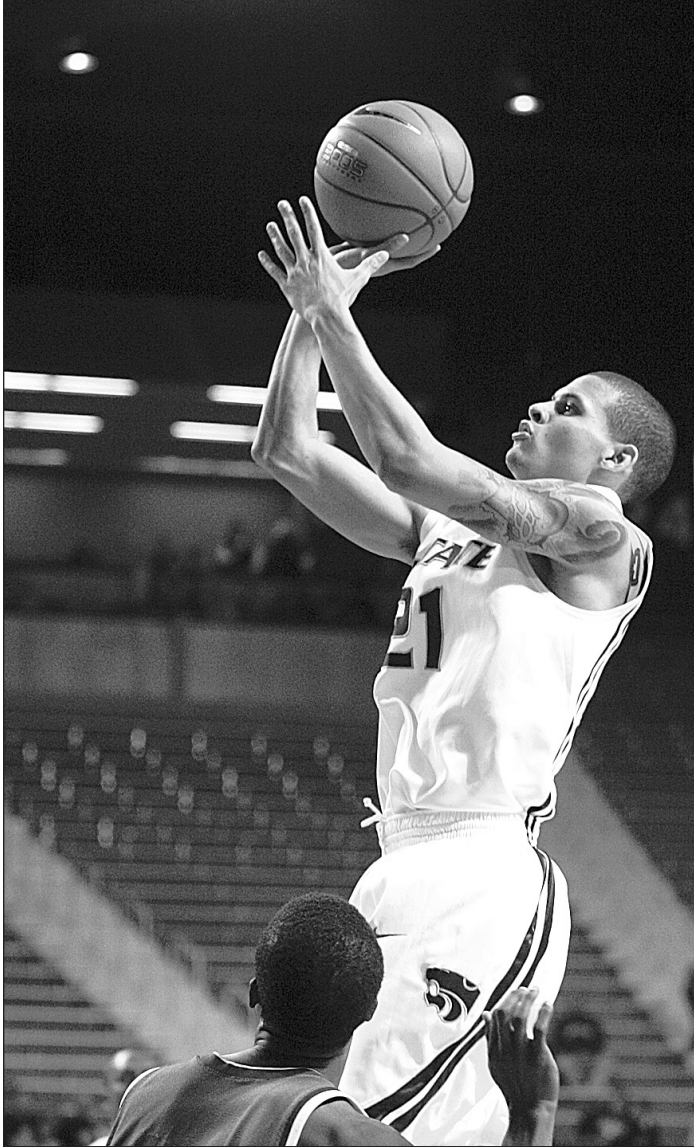
Baylor (14-3, 2-1) comes into tonight's game ranked No. 23 in the country. The last time the Bears played the Wildcats in Manhattan was on Jan. 17, 2007, when the Wildcats won 69-60.

The Bears won their last game against Oklahoma State 98-92 when the Bears dominated the overtime period, outscoring the Cowboys 16-10 on 83.3 percent shooting from the field.

Baylor also brings in the third highest scoring offense in the Big 12, averaging 83.1 points per game. And five of their top seven players average double-digit points.

Sixth-year head coach Scott Drew has posted a 71-83 career record at Baylor but is 2-3 against K-State and 0-2 in Bramlage Coliseum.

"They are a very talented and experienced team," Martin said. "Baylor is going to be a heck of a challenge. But we have a huge advantage in that we get to play them at home



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

Denise Clemente, guard for K-State's men's basketball team, shoots in the game against Chicago State on Jan. 5 in Bramlage Coliseum.

this year and don't have to go and play them at their place."

This will be the 20th meeting between the teams, with the Wildcats holding a 10-9 lead in the series and 7-3 advantage at home.

"To get everyone to feel good again, we need to go out there and just get a win," Martin said.

"It's surprising how fast everything gets corrected when you win."

NFL NEWS

SPRAINED KNEE WON'T KEEP WARD OUT

PITTSBURGH — Hines Ward needs extensive work to rehabilitate his sprained right knee for the Super Bowl, but Pittsburgh Steelers coach Mike Tomlin still expects the wide receiver to play.

"We're definitely not going to count him out," Tomlin said Tuesday. "We're going to save a seat on the bus for 86."

Ward, the Steelers' career receiving leader, sprained a medial collateral ligament while making a catch in the first quarter of the AFC Championship Game against Baltimore on Sunday night. If the Steelers played this week, he may not have been ready.

Tuesday was the players' scheduled day off, yet Tomlin observed Ward doing extensive rehabilitation work in the team's practice complex. The Steelers leave Monday for Tampa and the Feb. 1 game against Arizona, but only after they go through a regular week of practice.

The schedule will be the same as for any other week, Tomlin said, and the Steelers will draw up a game plan as if they were playing this Sunday. A game plan that is likely to include Ward.

"We're going to do everything in our power so he gets the medical attention he needs," Tomlin said. "In his mind, he's playing, so chances are he is. It's not going to be comfortable between now and game day in terms of making that happen. But it's not about comfort, particularly with Hines."

Ward played in every Steelers game from 2001-04, and he has missed only six games the last four seasons — none this season. He led the team with 81 catches for 1,043 yards, his fifth career 1,000-yard season and his first since 2004.

"I don't plan on missing this game, trust me. So don't worry about my knee, I'll be fine," Ward said following the 24-13 victory over Baltimore.

Ward didn't play much against the Ravens because of the injury, but made catches of 45 yards and 11 yards that set up Jeff Reed field goals. He returned briefly in the second quarter and caught one pass, but did not play the rest of the game.

"I just fell on it wrong," said Ward, the MVP of the 2006 Super Bowl. "I just kind of twisted it and it felt weird. ... But I didn't want to go out there and hurt our team if I wasn't 100 percent. I could have played 75 or 80 percent but a championship game, let's put in a bunch of guys who are 100 percent, go out there and run full speed."

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ROSS, HUIZENGA COMPLETE FINS SALE

MIAMI — New Miami Dolphins majority owner Stephen Ross won't mess with success: He says Bill Parcells will remain in charge of the football operation.

Ross, a New York real estate billionaire, completed his purchase of 95 percent of the franchise for \$1 billion Tuesday, with Wayne Huizenga retaining a 5 percent interest.

Ross then addressed the subject of Parcells' status. The sale triggered a clause in Parcells' contract allowing him to leave and still receive the \$9-12 million remaining on the four-year contract he signed a year ago.

"Parcells is in charge," Ross said in a conference call. "He's staying, and I think we're very fortunate to have someone like Bill Parcells, who I think people have come to recognize as probably the best football mind in America."

Thanks to Parcells, Ross takes over with the franchise's fortunes on the upswing. When the first phase of his purchase was completed last February, the Dolphins were coming off a 1-15 season, worst in team history. Under the new Parcells regime, they improved to 11-6 this season and made the playoffs for the first time since 2001.

Parcells broke his silence Tuesday on the subject of his status. Scouting players practicing for the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., he spoke briefly with several reporters and was asked if he planned to remain as the Dolphins' vice president of football operations.

"What does it look like I'm doing?" he said. "What do your eyes tell you?"

When asked why he wouldn't commit outright to staying, Parcells said experience taught him never to rule anything out. He said if something happened to change his mind, he'd "hate to be called a liar."

But Parcells said he likes Ross and is not seeking a new contract.

"It's not about money," Parcells said. "I've got more than I can spend."

Ross said he's 100 percent certain Parcells will stay for another season.

"I feel very, very comfortable with him, and I think he feels comfortable with me," Ross said. "I think we've developed a good rapport. ... Bill Parcells thinks like a businessman: You don't solve all your problems with money; you solve them with brains."

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New parking pass system approved

By Brandon Steinert
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The first reading of an ordinance altering Manhattan's parking permit system passed 5-0-0 Tuesday evening at the city commission meeting.

The ordinance will be voted on once more at a later date. If it is approved, the system will change from a one-time fee to an annually renewed parking pass system.

At the end of the year, permit holders will be required to buy a sticker to update their passes.

Director of Finance Bernie Hayen said the stickers will be similar to the ones placed on license plates, which will change in color from one year to the next.

The passes will also be redesigned. The new permits could be slim-lined and placed between the windshield and the rear-view mirror. This is to avoid obstructing drivers' views.

Costs involved with printing the new permits are expected to increase \$2,000 to \$3,000. Hayen said the additional annual fees should cover the extra costs.

The new system is designed to solve problems with citizens printing copies of their passes and distributing them among their acquaintances.

Commissioners also approved a request to add a representative from Pottawatomie County to the Airport Advisory Board. This is to improve the representation from airport stake holders on the board. The item passed 5-0-0.

Award recipients recognized for diversity efforts

By Elizaveta Zheganina
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A faculty member and student were honored with Commerce Bank diversity awards Tuesday for promoting multiculturalism on campus.

Rebeca Paz, director of the PILOTS Program, received a Presidential Faculty/Staff Award for Distinguished Services to Historically Underrepresented Students, and Careem Gladney, senior in finance, was honored with a Presidential Award for Enhancing Multiculturalism.

Paz was recognized for her work to assist and retain underrepresented students. She also works with the academic transition program.

"I value diversity," Paz said. "Sometimes, being in a predominantly white university, multicultural students might find that they may have more obstacles to overcome, and I think we need to

help everybody and give an opportunity to everybody."

Paz worked as a PILOTS adviser for nine years and became the program's coordinator in fall 2008.

"I have witnessed many students blossom to their full potential, and this is the most rewarding part of my job," Paz said. "Even though PILOTS is a one-year program, many students stay in touch until graduation."

Additionally, Paz works as a co-leader with the Tilford/Dow Scholars, a group of five students who promote multiculturalism on campus.

"It is an honor to receive this award," Paz said. "But I also know that there are numerous people across this campus who do outstanding work in the advancement of diversity."

Gladney has also been involved in numerous activities promoting diversity and strengthening multiculturalism.

For the past two years, Gladney has been the president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and has also been a community service chair with Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society.

For the past two fall semesters, Gladney has been involved with the School of Leadership Studies as a small group leader for the Introduction to Leadership Concepts class.

Gladney has also been a treasurer of National Pan-Hellenic Council for two years, participated in service activities on campus and worked on minority retention and recruitment with Black Student Union.

As a freshman, Gladney failed to become active in student organizations. However, living in the residence halls he met a lot of upperclassmen who mentored him and helped him get involved.

Now, Gladney said he capitalizes on his potential to assist

others in their transition to university experience.

"This [award] means a lot to me; it hit close to home," he said. "Now it has gone a full circle. Now I can help others who come to the university."

Gladney said his involvement provided him with an opportunity to address a concern about multicultural student retention.

"I take pride in at least attempting my very best to be a good role model," Gladney said. "I really want to be hands-on in helping these [multicultural] students stay on campus."



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Big 12 Men's Preview

Stength of conference lies in South Division with just 3 teams ranked

Just like in football, the South Division of the Big 12 Conference contains the strongest teams. Baylor, Oklahoma and Texas are the only three teams ranked in the entire conference. KU and Nebraska seem to be the strongest teams in the North, but only time will tell which teams will make it to postseason play.

NORTH DIVISION



Colorado (12-4, 1-2) AP Rank: NR
Up next: at Texas Tech
Key Player: Sophomore guard Cory Higgins. Higgins is really the lone bright spot for the Buffaloes as he leads the team in points at 17.6 per game, and rebounds with 6.1 per game. He is second on the team in assists by averaging 2.7 a game.



Iowa State (12-6, 1-2) AP Rank: NR
Up next: vs. Kansas
Key Player: Sophomore forward Craig Brackins. Brackins leads the Cyclones in scoring with 18.1 points per game and is third in scoring in the Big 12 behind OU's Blake Griffin and KU's Sherron Collins.



Kansas (14-4, 3-0) AP Rank: NR
Up next: at Iowa State
Key Player: Junior guard Sherron Collins. Collins leads the Jayhawks and is second in the conference in scoring with 18.5 points per game. He is also averaging 5.2 assists per game.



K-State (11-6, 0-3) AP Rank: NR
Up next: vs. Baylor
Key Player: Sophomore guard Jacob Pullen. Pullen leads the team with 13.7 points per game and is the catalyst for the Wildcat offense. As Pullen goes, so go the Wildcats.



Missouri (15-3, 2-1) AP Rank: NR
Up next: at Oklahoma State
Key Player: Senior forward DeMarre Carroll. The senior leads the Tigers in points at 15.6 per game and is the leading Tiger rebounder, averaging 7.0 rebounds per game.



Nebraska (12-4, 2-1) AP Rank: NR
Up next: at Oklahoma
Key Player: Senior guard Paul Velandier. Velandier is third in scoring average with 9.6 points per game, but he is second in the Big 12 in 3-point percentage, making 49 percent of his shots from behind the arc.

SOUTH DIVISION




Baylor (14-3, 2-1) AP Rank: No. 23
Up next: at K-State
Key Player: Senior guard Curtis Jerrells. Jerrells is the catalyst for the Baylor Bears' offense. He leads the team in scoring with 17.1 points per game and in assists with 5.8 assists per game. All five of Baylor's starters average double-digit points per game.



Oklahoma (17-1, 3-0) AP Rank: No. 5
Up next: vs. Nebraska
Key Player: Sophomore forward Blake Griffin. Griffin leads the Sooners and the Big 12 in scoring with 22 points per game and also in rebounding with 13.4 rebounds per game. He has 66 more rebounds than KU forward Cole Aldrich, who is in second place.



Oklahoma State (12-4, 1-1) AP Rank: NR
Up next: vs. Missouri
Key Player: Senior guard Byron Eaton. Eaton is the most experienced player on the Cowboys' roster and is fourth on the team in scoring with 13.3 points per game. He leads the team in assists by averaging 6 per game. The Cowboys also have five players with scoring averages in double-digits.



Texas (13-4, 2-1) AP Rank: No. 15
This week: vs. Texas A&M
Key Player: Senior guard A.J. Abrams. Abrams leads the Longhorns in scoring with 17.4 points per game. He also plays 36.65 minutes per game, which is the highest in the conference.



Texas A&M (15-4, 1-3) AP Rank: NR
Up next: at Texas
Key Player: Senior guard Josh Carter. Carter leads the Aggies in scoring with 13.4 points per game. He also leads the conference in free-throw percentage with 88 percent.



Texas Tech (10-7, 0-2) AP Rank: NR
Up next: vs. Colorado
Key Player: Senior guard Alan Voskuil. Voskuil leads the Red Raiders in scoring with 14.3 points per game. He leads the Big 12 in 3-pointers with 54 and is averaging 3.18 3-pointers per game.

Big 12 Conference standings (as of Monday)

Standings	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Men's				
Oklahoma	3	0	17	1
Kansas	3	0	14	4
Missouri	2	1	15	3
Baylor	2	1	14	3
Texas	2	1	13	4
Nebraska	2	1	12	4
Oklahoma State	1	1	12	4
Iowa State	1	2	12	6
Texas A&M	1	3	15	4
Texas Tech	0	2	10	7
Colorado	0	2	8	8
K-State	0	3	11	9

Conference Leaders			
Scoring		Rebounds	
	PPG		RPG
1. B. Griffin (OU)	22.0	1. B. Griffin (OU)	13.4
2. S. Collins (KU)	18.3	2. C. Aldrich (KU)	9.7
3. C. Brackins (ISU)	18.1	3. O. Muonelo (OSU)	9.7
4. J. Anderson (OSU)	17.9	4. C. Brackins (ISU)	8.8
5. C. Higgins (CU)	17.6	5. D. James (UT)	8.3
Assists		Field-goal shooting	
	APG		FGP
1. J. Roberson (TTU)	6.00	1. C. Aldrich (KU)	.640
2. B. Eaton (OSU)	6.00	2. B. Griffin (OU)	.632
3. C. Jerrells (BU)	5.82	3. D. Carroll (MU)	.576
4. S. Collins (KU)	5.33	4. K. Rogers (BU)	.524
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Big 12 Women’s Preview

Half league ranked in Top 25; K-State only representation from North

With six teams represented in the latest AP polls, the Big 12 Conference is still in the first stage of conference play. This week features many pivotal matchups throughout the division. K-State is the sole team in the North Division represented in the polls and will travel to Lubbock, Texas, to take on the Red Raiders of Texas Tech tonight. Following a loss to the Wildcats on Saturday, Iowa State fell from the latest rankings.




Colorado (8-7, 0-3) AP Rank: NR
Up next: vs. Oklahoma
Key Player: Sophomore forward Brittany Spears. The sophomore forward from Pasadena, Calif., is averaging 17.5 points per game and leads the team with 18 blocks while averaging a team-high 7.7 rebounds per game.




Iowa State (13-4, 1-2) AP Rank: NR
Up next: vs. Missouri
Key Player: Sophomore guard Kelsey Bolte. Bolte scored a team-high 20 points against K-State on Saturday, is averaging 10.3 points per game, and leads the team shooting .429 from behind the three-point arc.



Kansas (12-4, 1-2) AP Rank: NR
Up next: at Nebraska
Key Player: Junior guard Danielle McCray. Leading the Jayhawks in scoring with 17.9 points per game, McCray is also averaging 8.3 rebounds per game.





Kansas State (15-1, 2-1) AP Rank: No. 18
Up next: at Texas Tech
Key Player: Senior forward Marlies Gipson. Gipson leads the Big 12 in blocks, averaging three per game, and registered five in the Wildcats’ victory against Iowa State on Saturday.



Missouri (10-6, 1-2) AP Rank: NR
Up next: at Iowa State
Key Player: Senior guard Alyssa Hollins. Hollins averages 13.7 points per game for the Tigers. She has also hit 34 shots from behind the 3-point line this season.




Nebraska (9-7, 0-3) AP Rank: NR
Up next: vs. Kansas
Key Player: Junior forward Cory Montgomery. The forward has averaged 13 points per game for the Cornhuskers and has been a pivotal presence in the paint, averaging 7.6 rebounds per game.




Baylor (15-1, 3-0) AP Rank: No. 5
Up next: at Texas A&M
Key Player: Junior post Danielle Wilson. Wilson leads the Bears with 15.3 points per game while grabbing a team-high 8.4 rebounds per game.



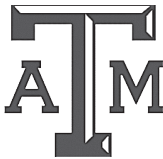
Oklahoma (14-2, 3-0) AP Rank: No. 3
Up next: at Colorado
Key Player: Senior center Courtney Paris. The native of Piedmont, Calif., and twin sister of teammate Ashley Paris has anchored the Sooners’ physical post play with 15.4 points and 13.3 rebounds per game.




Oklahoma St. (12-4, 1-2) AP Rank: No. 24
Up next: vs. Texas A&M
Key Player: Junior guard Andrea Riley. Riley has led the Cowgirls’ offense with 22.7 points per game while averaging a team high 34.3 minutes per game on the floor.



Texas (14-3, 2-1) AP Rank: No. 14
Up next: at Oklahoma
Key Player: Junior forward Kathleen Nash. Nash has stepped up in her first year as a starter and is averaging 14.3 points and 6.7 rebounds per game, both team highs for the Longhorns this season.



Texas A&M (14-2, 2-1) AP Rank: No. 9
Up next: at Texas
Key Player: Senior guard Takia Starks. Starks is leading the Aggies with 15.2 points per game while shooting 40 percent from the field. The Houston native has started all 16 games for the Aggies and has averaged 32.6 minutes per game.



Texas Tech (11-5, 2-1) AP Rank NR
Up next: vs. K-State
Key Player: Senior guard Takia Starks. Starks is leading the Aggies with 15.2 points per game while shooting 40 percent from the field. The Houston native has started all 16 games for the Aggies and has averaged 32.6 minutes per game.


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Kansas	1	2	12	4
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Missouri	1	2	10	6
Nebraska	0	3	9	7
Colorado	0	3	8	7

Conference Leaders			
Scoring		Rebounds	
	PPG		RPG
1. A. Riley (OSU)	22.7	1. C. Paris (OU)	13.3
2. D. McCray (KU)	17.9	2. A. Paris (OU)	10.1
3. B. Spears (CU)	17.5	3. D. Wilson (BU)	8.4
4. A. Sweat (KSU)	15.5	4. D. McCray (KU)	8.3
5. C. Paris (OU)	15.4	5. D. Seals (TTU)	8.2
Assists		Field-goal shooting	
	APG		FGP
1. S. Lehnig (KSU)	8.75	1. C. Paris (OU)	.609
2. A. Riley (OSU)	6.94	2. A. Paris (OU)	.560
3. D. Robinson (OU)	6.19	3. M. Gipson (KSU)	.548
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Off the Court

with Marlies Gipson

Marles Gipson is a senior forward from Hays, Kan. She is now just five blocks away from breaking the school record. Gipson recently answered questions about coach Deb Patterson, “Rock Band” and winning the Big 12 Championship last year.

- Q. Where did you develop the ability to be such an effective shot blocker on the basketball court?**

A. I think maybe [I got it through] playing volleyball with just the timing. I think as far as playing basketball it is kind of a factor with learning the timing.
- Q. What is your favorite memory over the past four years on the women’s basketball team?**

A. I think definitely winning the Big 12 last season. It was such a long season, coming into conference with a 5-5 record, and just coming back from Christmas, it just went unsaid when we went into Big 12 play. Things just turned around and each game we got better and better and it came down to that last week. Winning it was definitely it.
- Q. What is on your pre-game iPod playlist?**

A. Lil Wayne, Beyonce, anything upbeat.
- Q. Do you have any pre-game superstitions?**

A. No, I just kind of relax and listen to music. I really don’t have any superstitions, I’m not a really superstitious person.
- Q. What do you and your teammates like to do outside of playing basketball?**

A. There are a lot of laughs definitely. We go to movies and just kind of chill at our houses and have people over. We have “Rock Band” and that kind of stuff.
- Q. Who is the best “Rock Band” player on the team?**

A. I think we each have our own instrument and everything. We all have fun.
- Q. What is your favorite instrument on “Rock Band”?**

A. Probably the guitar. I don’t like the drums. Nobody likes to do the foot pedal.
- Q. What is your favorite aspect of playing for coach Deb Patterson?**

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Marlies Gipson, forward for the K-State women’s basketball team, attempts a shot past a KU defender in a game against KU on Jan. 10 at Bramlage Coliseum.

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